



# **AYSO AREA 11-K**

## **2008-2009**

### **RULES and REGULATIONS**

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- Region 143    *West Huntington Beach - Westminster*
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## 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. All Inter-Regional Area 11-K games shall be conducted in accordance with AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section 11 Rules and Regulations, Area 11-K Rules and Regulations, the current FIFA Laws of the Game and International Board Decisions, as contained therein.
- 1.2. The Area 11-K Rules and Regulations are generally intended to complement and/or cover situations not adequately addressed by other prevailing rules and regulations.
- 1.3. Any situation or subject not covered by the aforementioned rules shall be decided by the Area Director.
- 1.3.1. Authorities and responsibilities of the Area Director as defined in the Area 11-K Rules and Regulations, may be delegated to a third person at his/her discretion.
- 1.4. Area 11-K maintains a National Accounting Program (NAP) account which funds the Area 11-K program(s).
- 1.4.1. The Area 11-K account requires 2 signatures on all checks. Signers on the account shall be the Area Director (Executive Member), the Area Treasurer and at least one other Area Staff member designated by the Area Director.
- 1.4.2. The Area 11-K account shall be maintained by the Area Treasurer who will present a written Financial Statement at each Area 11-K Board meeting.

## 2. JURISDICTION

- 2.1. The Area 11-K Board shall consist of the Executive Members and Area Staff Members.
- 2.1.1. The Executive Members are the Area Director and Regional Commissioners which constitute the voting members of the Board.
- 2.1.2. The Area Director shall be elected from the nominees presented to the Regional Commissioners and the Area Director for consideration. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast by the Regional Commissioners and the Area Director shall be the Area Director-Elect
- 2.1.2.1. The Area Director-Elect shall be presented to the Section Director for approval. The Section Director shall submit the approved Area Director-Elect to the National Board of Directors for approval. If approved by the NBOD, the Area Director shall be appointed for a three (3) year term.
- 2.1.3. The Area Director's vote shall serve as a tie-breaker only except when electing the Area Director.
- 2.1.4. The Area Staff Members include the Assistant Director, Referee Administrator, Coach Administrator, Management Administrator, Treasurer, Secretary, Spring Coordinator, AYSO Plus Coordinator, Scheduler, U16 & U19 Coordinator, VIP Administrator and any other staff member designated by the Area Director.
- 2.1.5. Five of the Regional Commissioners and the Area Director shall constitute a quorum.
- 2.1.6. Each region shall be allowed one (1) vote, a simple majority shall carry any vote by the Area 11-K Board.
- 2.1.7. The Regional Commissioner may designate a region representative. The designated region representative may cast a substitute vote in the absence of a voting member
- 2.2. The administration of all Inter-Regional play shall be determined by a majority vote of the members of the Area 11-K Board with the approval of the Area Director.
- 2.3. The Regional Commissioner shall have jurisdiction over all games played in his/her region, and shall be responsible for the coordination of his/her respective region in all Inter-Regional play.
- 2.4. In the event a dispute between two or more regions that can not be resolved through mutual agreement between the respective Regional Commissioner(s), the Area Director for Area 11-K shall resolve the dispute through arbitration or an executive ruling, should arbitration fail.

## 3. PLAYER AND COACH ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Each region shall be responsible for selection of coaches, formation of it's teams and leagues, and for insuring eligibility of it's players.

- 3.2. Ages of Players shall be determined as enumerated below:
  - 3.2.1. U10 - Must be nine (9) years of age or younger as of August 1st of a given year.
  - 3.2.2. U12 - Must be eleven (11) year's of age or younger as of August 1st of a given year.
  - 3.2.3. U14 - Must be thirteen (13) years of age or younger as of August 1st of a given year.
  - 3.2.4. U16 - Must be fifteen (15) years of age or younger as of August 1st of a given year.
  - 3.2.5. U19 - Must be eighteen (18) years of age or younger as of August 1st of a given year.
- 3.3. All players must be registered with AYSO as of October 31st of a given year.
  - 3.3.1. All players must have played in at least one-half (1/2) of the total number of scheduled games for the AYSO Fall Season Program to be eligible to participate in post-season play.
  - 3.3.2. Where extenuating circumstances (injury, illness, etc.) prevail, the eligibility requirements may be waived by the Regional Commissioner with approval of the Area Director on a case by case basis.
- 3.4. Team Rosters, AYSO registration forms & ID Cards must be in the possession of a team representative at all Area 11-K sponsored events (games, practices, scrimmages, tournaments, etc.).
  - 3.4.1. Team Rosters must be signed by the Regional Commissioner, thus certifying the eligibility of the players listed therein, and must be received by the Area Director no later than **five (5)** days prior to the start of any Inter-Regional play.
  - 3.4.2. All players participating in Area 11-K Inter-Regional games are required to have official, AYSO issued ID cards that shall bear the player's name, picture, AYSO ID #, birthdate, season (year), & original signature (in a color other than black) of the current Regional Commissioner. Coaches are also required to have ID cards.
- 3.5. Failure to prove the eligibility of one or more player's on a team, or falsification of same, will result in the expulsion of the team from the league, and will also result in forfeiture of all games played until the time of expulsion. Further disciplinary action shall be at the discretion of the Area Director.
- 3.6. Roster changes shall only be with the express approval of the respective Regional Commissioner.
  - 3.6.1. Roster changes in Playoff games shall only be with the express approval of the Area Director. Roster changes are NOT allowed on League Champion Playoff teams.
  - 3.6.2. A copy of the revised roster shall be given to the Area Director prior to the start of the next game.
  - 3.6.3. All other provisions for roster changes shall be in accordance with Section 4 herein.
- 3.7. Each region shall be responsible for selection of coaches, formation of its teams and leagues, and for insuring eligibility of its players.
  - 3.7.1. All coaches participating in Inter-Regional play MUST be Coach Safe Haven Certified and have the age appropriate or higher coach training i.e. U10, U12, U14 (Intermediate), U16 & U19 (Advanced).
4. **ROSTERS FOR INTER-REGIONAL PLAY**
  - 4.1. The Regional Commissioner with teams participating in Inter-Regional play, shall be responsible for the submittal of certified Team Rosters for each team to the Area Director in accordance with the requirements of Section 3 herein.
  - 4.2. The Team Roster shall include the following information:
    - 4.2.1. Regional and divisional identification
    - 4.2.2. Head and Assistant Coach's name, phone number and e-mail address
    - 4.2.3. Players' name, address, phone number, birthdate, AYSO ID #
    - 4.2.4. Uniform Color(s) and team name (if available)
    - 4.2.5. Signature of the Regional Commissioner certifying players'eligibility

4.3. No team will be allowed to participate in any Area 11-K Inter-Regional play without a properly completed Team Roster, AYSO Player registration forms, Player and Coach ID cards.

4.4. No changes to the Team Roster will be allowed within twenty-four (24) hours of a scheduled game.

#### 5. **AYSO REGISTRATION AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS**

5.1. No player may participate in any AYSO Program and/or Area 11-K Inter-Region play unless a properly completed and signed (original signature) AYSO Registration Form for each player is in the possession of the Head Coach or his/her designee at all AYSO sponsored events (games, practices, scrimmages).

5.2. It shall be the responsibility of the Game Official in-charge (Referee) to verify that each participating player and coach has a properly completed ID card.

5.2.1. In the event a properly completed, signed and laminated ID card is not available at the field, the affected player(s) shall not be allowed to enter the field until the Game Official in-charge (Referee) has satisfied him/herself that the situation has been corrected.

5.2.2. In the event the coach does not have a properly completed, signed and laminated ID card and neither does the assistant coach, a forfeit shall be declared.

#### 6. **FIELD OF PLAY: REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

6.1. Each Regional Commissioner hosting Inter-Regional play shall be responsible for properly preparing the playing field used in their respective region(s) to ensure the utmost player safety.

6.2. Each Region participating in Inter-Regional play, shall supply the Goals, Field Markings, Nets, and Corner Flags for their respective field(s).

6.3. Coaches and players are responsible for cleaning up the general area after their game.

6.4. Field set-up and take-down shall be the responsibility of the hosting Region, but may in some cases need the assistance of the other regions and/or teams.

#### 7. **TEAMS**

7.1. A minimum of seven (7) players shall constitute a team (except U10, which shall be five (5) players).

7.2. The maximum number of players on a team shall be eighteen (18) for U19 and U16 teams, fifteen (15) for U14 & U12 teams, and ten (10) for U10 teams.

7.3. Team roster's may be increased to more than the maximum number of player's as stated in Section 7.2 with the approval of the Regional Commissioner and the Area Director in accordance with the AYSO National Rules & Regulations.

7.4. When a color conflict in uniforms exist, the **HOME TEAM** shall change jerseys.

7.5. All regions must have a color change of uniforms (bibs) for their teams to use.

#### 8. **UNIFORMS**

8.1. All uniforms shall be in accordance with AYSO National Rules and Regulations as described in Section 400 of the Regional Commissioner's Manual, and may not be exchanged by players during a game (goalkeeper exempt).

8.1.1. Uniforms shall be kept neat and presentable during the game, i.e. jerseys tucked in, socks pulled up, etc.

8.1.2. Shin Guards must be worn by all players at all times during a game and practices, and must be of an acceptable quality and size to offer adequate protection. Shin guards must cover at least half the leg from the knee down, and must be worn inside and completely covered by the sock.

8.2. Sliding Pants and/or Bicycle Shorts may be worn provided they meet the requirements of AYSO and the Laws of the Game. They may not extend below the knee and must be of the same color as the dominating color of the team uniform shorts.

- 8.3. Braces may be worn in accordance with the AYSO National Rules and Regulations and/or AYSO National Board decisions, and if allowed by the Game Official in-charge (Referee).
- 8.3.1. No hard type of plastic, metal, or anything else considered dangerous to any player, may be worn during the game.
- 8.3.2. Soft wrap (Ace bandage) may be allowed by the Game Official in-charge (Referee). No metal clips can be used to affix any type of brace or wrap to the player.
- 8.3.3. Splints of any kind are not allowed to be worn during games.
- 8.4. No player shall be allowed to play in a game with any type of hard cast on either arm(s) or leg(s). A soft foam wrap will not be allowed around any hard cast.

## 9. **GAME OFFICIALS – REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES**

- 9.1. Regional Referee Administrators shall assign game officials for Inter-Regional games assigned to his/her region by the Area Referee Administrator.
- 9.2. It is the responsibility of the Regional Referee Administrators to ensure that qualified referees with the appropriate ability are assigned to the game. For all Inter-Regional games, referees should be at least two (2) years older than the players in the respective game.
- 9.2.1. To ensure this requirement is met, primarily for Division U16 & U19 Inter-Regional games, the Regional Referee Administrator(s) shall work under the guidance and direction of the Area Referee Administrator.
- 9.3. All Inter-Regional games shall be officiated using the Diagonal System of Control with one (1) Referee and two (2) Assistant Referees. The two (2) person (two whistle) system is prohibited by AYSO.
- 9.3.1. Use of "Club" Assistant(s) is encouraged, when an insufficient number of game officials are available.
- 9.4. The Game Officials for a particular game shall at all times uphold the FIFA Laws of the Game, AYSO National, Section 11, and Area 11-K Rules and Regulations.
- 9.5. Wherever possible, game officials assigned to Inter-Regional Playoff games shall not come from the same region(s) as the teams. It is recognized that this may not always be possible and/or practical.
- 9.6. It is the responsibility of the Game Official in-charge (Referee) to file a written misconduct report on all cautions and/or send offs to the Regional Referee Administrator within (24) hours after the conclusion of the game in which the offense(s) occurred. The Regional Referee Administrator will forward a copy of the written misconduct report within (24) hours to the Area Referee Administrator.
- 9.7. To assure the proper administration of the disciplinary rules, it is the responsibility of the Game Official in charge (Referee) to make a preliminary verbal report by phone of all ejections (red cards), game suspensions or terminations to the Area Referee Administrator immediately following the game in which the ejections, game suspension or termination took place.
- 9.8. It is also the responsibility of the Game Official (Referee) to report in written form to the Area Referee Administrator, any behavior by coaches and/or spectators on or off the field that seriously interfered with his/her conduct of the game.
- 9.9. It is the responsibility of the Game Official (Referee) to assure that information about Cautions and Ejections are noted on the Game Card and in his/her Misconduct Report.

## 10. **GAMES**

- 10.1. All games shall be played as scheduled. Only the Game Official in charge (Referee), the hosting Regional Commissioner (prior to the start of the game), or the Area Director for Area 11-K shall have the authority to cancel scheduled Inter-Regional games in accordance with AYSO National, Section 11, and Area 11-K Rules and Regulations.
- 10.2. The HOME TEAM shall be the team listed first on the schedules.
- 10.3. The HOME TEAM shall occupy the North or West side of the field.

- 10.4. Coaches are restricted to an area of ten (10) yards on either side of the Center Line and shall stand back at least one (1) yard from the Touchline, wherever possible. Only two coaches will occupy this area during the game.
- 10.5. Players and spectators shall stand back at least three (3) yards from the Touchline, wherever possible.
- 10.6. Only players are allowed on the field, except as allowed by the Game Official (Referee).
- 10.7. Substitute players, coaches, and spectators shall not be within eighteen (18) yards in front or behind the Goal Line by either goal.
- 10.8. Properly completed Game Card(s) bearing the name of all players on the team's roster (whether present or not) and Player and Coach ID cards shall be presented to the Game official (Referee) prior to the start of the game.
  - 10.8.1. Player and Coach ID cards shall be returned to the coaches immediately after check-in.
  - 10.8.2. Game cards shall be turned in to the home region according to the region's policy except in games with misconduct. In the case of misconduct(s), the game cards are to be sent with the misconduct report.
- 10.9. Formal Misconduct Reports must be submitted to the Regional Referee Administrator and Area Referee Administrator in accordance with Section 9.
- 10.10. SIZE OF THE GAME BALL
  - 10.10.1. Size 5 - U19, U16, and U14
  - 10.10.2. Size 4 - U12 and U10
  - 10.10.3. Acceptance of a game ball shall be at the discretion of the Game Official (Referee).
- 10.11. Duration of Inter-Regional games:
  - 10.11.1. U19 two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves
  - 10.11.2. U16 two (2) forty (40) minute halves
  - 10.11.3. U14 two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves
  - 10.11.4. U12 two (2) thirty (30) minute halves
  - 10.11.5. U10 two (2) twenty-five (25) minute halves
- 10.12. Games shall be played as scheduled (no valid excuse exists for late or no show). The Game Official (Referee) has the authority to cancel a game except as noted in Section 10.13 and 10.13.1.
- 10.13. The Game Official (Referee) shall allow a grace period of fifteen (15) minutes from the scheduled kick-off time before forfeiting the game.
  - 10.13.1. When games previously in progress are running later than fifteen (15) minutes from scheduled kick-off time, no grace period shall be allowed.
- 10.14. In the event games are postponed due to inclement weather, or other unforeseen circumstances, the Area Scheduler shall reschedule the games at the earliest possible date and time with the approval of the Area Director. Requests for rescheduling a game must be made to the Area Scheduler and the Area Referee Administrator no less than 72 hours prior to the game scheduled to be considered. The request will then be forwarded to the Area Director for approval. If approved, the Area Scheduler will notify the host Region's Commissioner with a request for dates and times that the game can be rescheduled. The Area Scheduler will then look at the posted schedule to determine which date and time will avoid conflicts. The coaches concerned will not decide when the game is to be rescheduled.
  - 10.14.1. Only an approved rescheduled game will be sanctioned by the Area. If a game is not sanctioned, it shall be considered a practice game, and will not be counted in the standings.
- 10.15. If a game is suspended or terminated by the Game Official (Referee) prior to the completion of the regulation playing time as a result of actions by players, coaches, and/or spectator(s), the final result of the game shall be determined by the Area Director based on the guidelines listed in Section 10.16.1 or 10.16.2.

- 10.15.1. If a suspended or terminated game is determined a forfeiture, the opposing team will be declared the winner. The declared winner's score for the forfeited game shall be recorded as 3-0.
- 10.15.2. No team shall be allowed to benefit from their own forfeiture.
- 10.16. If a game is not completed through the regulation game time due to inclement weather, suspension, termination, or other unforeseen circumstances and a result is needed, the final resolution of that game shall be in accordance with Sections 10.16.1 or 10.16.2.
  - 10.16.1. If a suspended or terminated game has been determined it needs a winner, the remainder of the regulation game time will be rescheduled and played at a date and time approved by the Area Director.
  - 10.16.2. If a suspended or terminated game has been determined not to be a forfeit and does not need a result, the game score shall stand at the time of the suspension or termination.

## 11. **GAME SCORING**

- 11.1. Standing points shall be awarded as follows:
  - 11.1.1. (6) points for a Win
  - 11.1.2. (3) points for a Tie
  - 11.1.3. (0) points for a Loss
  - 11.1.4. (1) point for Shut-out
  - 11.1.5. (1) point for a goal (3 point maximum)
  - 11.1.6. A maximum of (10) points is possible in any one game
  - 11.1.7. A forfeit shall be scored as 3-0 (10 points).
  - 11.1.8. (3) points deduction for each Red Card (ejection) received by a player, coach and/or spectator.
- 11.2. All games sanctioned by Area 11-K shall count fully in determining division standings.
- 11.3. Tie breakers to determine First and/or Second Place will be as follows:
  - 11.3.1. Head to Head
  - 11.3.2. Least point deductions
  - 11.3.3. Least total goals allowed
  - 11.3.4. Coin toss.
- 11.3.5. A Tie is an acceptable result for League games and shall be recorded as such. No-overtime play is required for League games.
- 11.4. Properly completed Game Cards will be given to the Game Official (Referee) prior to the game and shall be used to record the official game score.
- 11.6. The winning coach/team shall be responsible for reporting the game score/result.
  - 11.6.1. If the game result is a tie, both team's coaches shall be responsible for reporting game score/result.

## 12. **SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS**

- 12.1. Substitution of players in all U10, U12, and U14 games shall be in accordance with the AYSO National Rules and Regulations. Approximately mid-way through each half of the game, at half-time or for injury.
- 12.2. Free Substitution shall be allowed for all U16 and U19 games, and for U10, U12 and U14 games in the overtime periods. Each coach is responsible for insuring that each player on the Team Roster plays a minimum of one-half of every game, that he/she is present for. Failure to adhere to and comply with this requirement may result in the forfeiture of games and possible expulsion of the team from further Inter-Regional play.

- 12.2.1. Substitutions may be made at any stoppage in play. The referee must be informed before any proposed substitution is made.
- 12.2.2. Substitutes may not enter the field of play until permission to do so has been given by the Game Official (Referee) and all player(s) to be substituted for have left the field. All substitutes must enter the field at the Half-way Line on their own side of the field.
- 12.3. If a player is injured, the coach may elect to substitute the injured player, or remove the player from the field and play short until the player is ready to return.
- 12.3.1. For U10, U12 and U14 games, a player who is substituted receives credit for the entire quarter, regardless of the amount of actual time played in the quarter. A player substituted for injury may not return to the game until the next quarter of play. If the coach elected to play short, the injured player may return when ready, with the referees permission.
- 12.3.2. If a coach, assistant coach or other team official enters the field to care for an injured player, that player must leave the field. The player may return, subject to the conditions of 12.3.1.

### 13. **PLAY-OFF GAMES ENDING IN A TIE AFTER REGULATION PLAY**

- 13.1. First Place, if a tie exists at the end of regulation play and a winner is required, then two (2) full overtime periods shall be played to determine a winner. Overtime periods shall be in accordance with Section 13.2.  
NOTE: **This is NOT sudden victory overtime**
- 13.1.1. The team with the most goals at the end of the two (2) overtime periods shall be declared the winner.
- 13.1.2. Teams playing short in regulation time play as a result of ejection(s), shall continue to do so in overtime.
- 13.1.3. Free Substitution shall be allowed for all divisions during overtime play only. For rules governing Free Substitution, see Section 12.2.
- 13.1.4. The teams shall change ends of the field after the completion of the first overtime period. No half-time break will be permitted, i.e. play in the second overtime period must begin immediately.
- 13.2. The length of overtime play shall be:
  - 13.2.1. Two (2) ten (10) minute periods for U19 and U16
  - 13.2.2. Two (2) nine (9) minute periods for U14
  - 13.2.3. Two (2) seven (7) minute periods for U12
  - 13.2.4. Two (2) five (5) minute periods for U10
- 13.3. Should a tie remain after the completion of the two (2) overtime periods, a winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the mark in accordance with FIFA Law.
  - 13.3.1. If at the end of the overtime periods, one team has a greater number of players than their opponents, they must reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and the referee must be informed of the name and number of each player excluded.
  - 13.3.2. Player's on the field at the end of the second overtime period may take part in taking of kicks from the mark , and none of these players may be exempted from the taking of a kick, should the number of kicks required to determine a winner, warrant their participation.
- 13.4. Second Place, if a tie exists at the end of regulation play and a winner is required, a winner will be determined by taking of kicks from the mark in accordance with FIFA Law.

### 14. **MISCONDUCT - EJECTIONS AND CAUTIONS**

- 14.1. A Yellow Carded (cautioned) U16 or U19 player may be substituted, however, should no substitute be available or the coach not wish to substitute, the player may remain on the field.

- 14.2 If at any time during the game, the number of players on the field drops below the minimum requirement of seven (7) players or five (5) players in U10, the Game Official (Referee) shall terminate the game and the game shall be declared a forfeit.
- 14.3 Any player ejected from the field must immediately leave the field of play. In the event an ejected player refuses to leave the field, the Game Official (Referee) shall suspend the game.
- 14.4 Any coach, and/or spectator ejected from the field, must immediately leave the game area so as not to be within sight or sound of the field to the satisfaction of the Game Official. In the event an ejected Individual refuses to leave the game area, the Game Official (Referee) shall suspend the game.
- 14.5 Players sent off (Red Card) or cautioned (Yellow Card) for infringement of the Laws of the Game, and **all** disciplinary action resulting from misconduct by players, coaches and/or spectators, must be reported to the Area Referee Administrator in writing within forty-eight (48) hours after the termination of the game by the Game Official in charge (Referee).
- 14.5.1 In addition to a written report, all ejections must be reported by phone to the Area Referee Administrator immediately following the game in which the ejection occurred.
- 14.6 The penalty for a player, coach or spectator ejected (non violent) from the field shall be a one (1) game suspension.
- 14.6.1 If a player is sent off and shown the red card for any of the following three (3) offences:
- 1) Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball,(this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area).
  - 2) Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or penalty kick.
  - 3) Receives a second caution in the same game.
- The player will receive an automatic one (1) game suspension.
- 14.7 If the player is sent off and shown the red card for any of the following three (3) offences:
- 1) Is guilty of serious foul play.
  - 2) Spits on or at an opponent or any other person.
  - 3) Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language.
- The player will receive a minimum of a one (1) game suspension and may receive additional disciplinary action up to and including suspension for the balance of the season. These three (3) offences are considered by the Area to be intolerable behavior and will be dealt with appropriately by the Area Disciplinary Committee.
- 14.7.1 The penalty for a player or coach ejected (violent conduct) from the field shall be a minimum two (2) game suspension plus a review by the Area Disciplinary Committee.
- 14.8 The penalty for a player or coach receiving four (4) cautions during the Fall & Post season shall be a one (1) game suspension.
- 14.9 The penalty for a player or coach receiving two (2) ejection (red cards) during the Fall & Post season shall be a three (3) game suspension plus a review by the Area Disciplinary Committee.
- 14.10 Suspension is defined as a suspended player must not be in uniform but wear or have his/her uniform jersey in hand and be present the entire game from which the player has been suspended. The player must notify the referee that the player has been suspended and is at the game to serve out the disciplinary suspension. The player must check in with the referee before the game, at the half and after the game. The player is not allowed to participate in the game for which they are suspended as a player supporting his/her team. "Canceled" or "bye" games do not count towards serving a game suspension.
- 14.11 Depending on the circumstances surrounding a particular incident, stronger penalties may be imposed as deemed appropriate by the Area Disciplinary Committee.

- 14.12. The head coach may submit a written request to the Area Referee Administrator to review an Ejection (red card) within (24) hours of the termination of the game in question. The written request must state the reason for the review and-facts known personally first hand.
- 14.13. In the event a player and/or coach is participating or interacting with the team or game while serving a suspension, the Game Official (Referee) shall not allow the game to start until the player/coach in question has left the game area to his/her satisfaction.
  - 14.13.1. If the game has already started, the Game Official in charge (Referee) shall stop the game, and not allow the game to continue until the player/coach in question has left the game area to his/her satisfaction.
  - 14.13.2. If a suspended player is played in a game before the suspension has been served, that player will receive an additional game suspension and the coach will also be suspended for the next game.
  - 14.13.3. If a coach who has been suspended coaches the team at a game before the suspension has been served, that coach will receive an additional game suspension. Should this occur twice in the season, the coach will be suspended until the results of a hearing by the Area Disciplinary Committee.
- 14.14. Violators of the penalties set forth in this section shall be subject to a disciplinary review by the Area Disciplinary Committee. Furthermore, should violators of the penalties set forth in this section refuse to immediately leave the game area, when requested to do so by the Game Official (Referee), the game shall be suspended.
- 14.15. In instances where aggravating circumstances prevail, the player, coach, and/or spectator involved shall be subject to review by the Area Disciplinary Committee for appropriate disciplinary action.
- 14.16. The Area Disciplinary Committee, comprised of the Area Director, Regional Commissioner for regions affected, Area Referee Administrator, and the Area Coaching Administrator as warranted, may review any Inter-Regional disciplinary issues resolved or not resolved at the regional level.
- 14.17. The Area Disciplinary Committee is not required to hold a hearing or request reports from the parties involved unless a written request for a review to do so is received.
  - 14.17.1. Area Disciplinary Committee attendees under the age of 18 shall be accompanied throughout the proceedings by one adult who is not a member of the Area Disciplinary Committee.
- 14.18. All inappropriate behavior before or after a game, **especially verbal abuse directed at game officials**, by any player, coach or spectator shall be reported in writing by the Game Official (Referee) to the Area Referee Administrator within (24) hours after the incident. Any such incident, when documented in writing, will be reviewed at the discretion of the Area Disciplinary Committee.
- 14.19. Any disciplinary action taken shall be communicated (verbally or by e-mail) to the individual affected within (24) hours of the Area Disciplinary Commiffee's decision.

## 15. INTER-REGIONAL PLAY FORMAT

- 15.1. DIVISION U16 AND U19 LEAGUE PLAY
  - 15.1.1. **All** regions must declare prior to August 1 of a given year how many teams in each age group will participate In Area 11-K Inter-Regional play.
  - 15.1.2. U16 and U19 Inter-Regional play will be conducted as League play to determine individual team standings within the age group. Scoring shall be in accordance with Section 11 herein. Once standings of teams are finalized, the teams in good standing will be placed in the Playoff schedules.
    - 15.1.2.1. U16 & U19 Play-off format shall be determined by the number of teams participating in the playoffs.
    - 15.1.2.2. Awards will be given in each division as determined by the Area 11-K Board.
    - 15.1.2.3. In the event the Region winning an age group in the Area 11-K Inter-Regional League Playoffs, elects not to participate in the Sectional Playoffs, the option to participate shall be offered to the regions in the order of the Play-off results.

- 15.1.2.4 Teams participating in Area sponsored games are required to provide official, AYSO issued Player and Coach ID cards. Player ID cards must be laminated with the player's name, picture, AYSO ID #, birthdate, season (year), and original signature (in a color other than black) of the current Regional Commissioner. Coach ID cards do not need the birthdate.
- 15.1.3. The last day for roster changes in U16 & U19 is October 1st.
- 15.2. DIVISION U10, U12 AND U14 POST SEASON INTER-REGIONAL PLAY
- 15.2.1. All regions must declare prior to November 1 of a given year, in which age groups they will be sending a Regional League and All-star team to participate in the Area 11-K Playoffs.
- 15.2.1.1 **Wild Card** team selections shall be-on a "blind" draw basis by the Regional Commissioners.
- 15.2.1.2. Once a Region has a Wild Card team selected, they can not have another Wild Card team without the approval of the Area Director.
- 15.2.2. Selection for team placement in each division shall be a "blind" draw by the Regional Commissioners in Area 11-K, and must be completed prior to November 1 of a given year.
- 15.2.3. League play-off format shall be a tournament conducted as determined by the Area 11-K Board. The tournament winner shall be the Area League Champion.
- 15.2.4. All-star play-off format shall be a tournament conducted as determined by the Area 11-K Board.
- 15.2.5. The winner of the All-star tournament shall be the Area All-star Champion.
- 15.2.6. In the event the Region winning an age group in the Area 11-K Inter-Regional League Playoff elect not to participate in Section Playoffs, the option to participate in these games shall be offered to the regions in the order of the Play-off results.
- 15.2.7. The Region winning a given age group in the Area 11-K Inter-Regional Playoff games, shall not be allowed to provide the Allstar Team for that age group in Section Playoffs while refusing to provide the League Team for the same age group in the Section Playoffs.
- 15.2.9. League & All-star teams participating in the Area Play-offs are required to provide official, AYSO issued Player and Coach ID cards. Player and Coach ID cards must be laminated and have the participant's name, picture, AYSO ID #, birthdate (not required for coaches), season (year), and original signature (in a color other than black) of the current Regional Commissioner.
16. **ALL-STAR TEAMS**
- 16.1. All-Star team roster's shall have a *minimum* of twelve (12) and a *maximum* of fifteen (15) player's except U10 which shall have a *minimum* of nine (9) and a *maximum* of ten (10).
- 16.2. All-Star team selection shall be set forth by each region in accordance with AYSO Rules & Regulations.
- 16.3. To be eligible for All-Star competition, a player must have demonstrated outstanding soccer skills and ability, displayed an attitude of fair play, show enthusiasm and a cooperative team spirit. Eligibility shall be in accordance with Section 3 herein, and players must compete in the same age group played in during the regular season.
17. **SPRING-PROGRAM GUIDELINES**
- 17.1. The spring program shall be administered by the Area Director.
- 17.2. Recreational Level teams may include up to 3 All-Star, or new players (not registered to play in the previous Fall season) players.
- 17.2.1 All Select Level teams U10 to U14 are allowed a maximum of three (3) non-fall players (players who were not registered and did not play in the previous fall season).
- 17.2.2 U16 & U19 teams may have five (5) non-fall players (see definition above).

17.2.3 Any deviation from the maximum number of non-fall players outlined in 17.2.1. and 17.2.2. require the approval of the Area Director.

17.3. The format of Spring play is dependent on whether it is an Area program or in conjunction with another Area(s).

18. **INJURIES**

18.1. Any injury or damage to property involving an AYSO participant must be reported to the Area Director.

19. **REGIONAL BOUNDARIES**

19.1 Regions shall provide an AYSO soccer program and registration information within the following boundaries:

- 19.1.1 **Region 5** North of Ellis  
South of Garden Grove (22) Freeway  
East of Beach Blvd  
West of Santa Ana River
- 19.1.2 **Region 55** North of Garfield  
South of San Diego (405) Freeway  
East of Springdale  
West of Beach Blvd
- 19.1.3 **Region 56** North of Pacific Ocean  
South of Adams  
East of Beach Blvd  
West of Santa Ana River
- 19.1.4 **Region 117** North of Adams  
South of Ellis & Garfield  
East of Pacific Ocean  
West of Santa Ana River & Beach Blvd
- 19.1.5 **Region 143** North of Garfield & McFadden  
South of Garden Grove (22) Freeway  
East of Pacific Ocean  
West of Springdale & Beach Blvd
- 19.1.6 **Region 177** North of Pacific Ocean  
South of Spring St.  
West of San Gabriel River (605) Freeway  
East of the Long Beach (710) Freeway
- 19.1.7 **Region 517** North of Sunflower  
South of Garden Grove (22) Freeway  
East of Santa Ana River

- West of Costa Mesa (55) Freeway
- 19.1.8 **Region 1335** North of Garden Grove (22) Freeway
- South of Riverside (91) Freeway
- East of Harbor Blvd
- West of Jamboree Road

**AREA DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

- A) An oral hearing on a disciplinary issue falling under the jurisdiction of and acted upon by the Area Disciplinary Committee, can be requested in writing within ten (10) days of the date of notification of the action.
- B) The Area Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Area Director or designee, Area Coach Administrator, Area Referee Administrator and affected Regional Commissioner.
- C) The Area Director, or his/her designee shall make arrangements for the hearing at a time and location most suitable to all concerned. Unless special circumstances prevail, the hearing shall be accomplished within ten (10) days of the date of the written request for a hearing.
- D) The Area Director, or his/her designee shall give all parties concerned (24) hour's notice of the hearing.
- E) The Area Director, or his/her designee shall serve as the Chairperson, and shall determine:
  - a) Date, Time, and Location
  - b) Attendees
  - c) Order in which attendees shall speak
  - d) Duration of individual testimonies, typically five (5) minutes maximum
- F) Only person(s) invited by the Area Director, or his/her designee shall be allowed to address the Area Disciplinary Committee regarding the issue at hand.
- G) The Area Disciplinary Committee shall deliberate and reach a decision on the issue at hand immediately following the hearing.
- H) The Area Director, or his/her designee shall communicate (verbally or by e-mail) within (24) hours to the parties concerned the results of the hearing and action(s) to be taken.

The decision rendered by the Area Disciplinary Committee shall be final.

**AREA 11-K BOARD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The subsequent Area 11-K Rules and Regulations have been set before the Area 11-K Board for review and approval. The Area 11-K Board approved the Area 11-K Rules and Regulations by which Area 11-K shall be governed on 7/28/08.

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